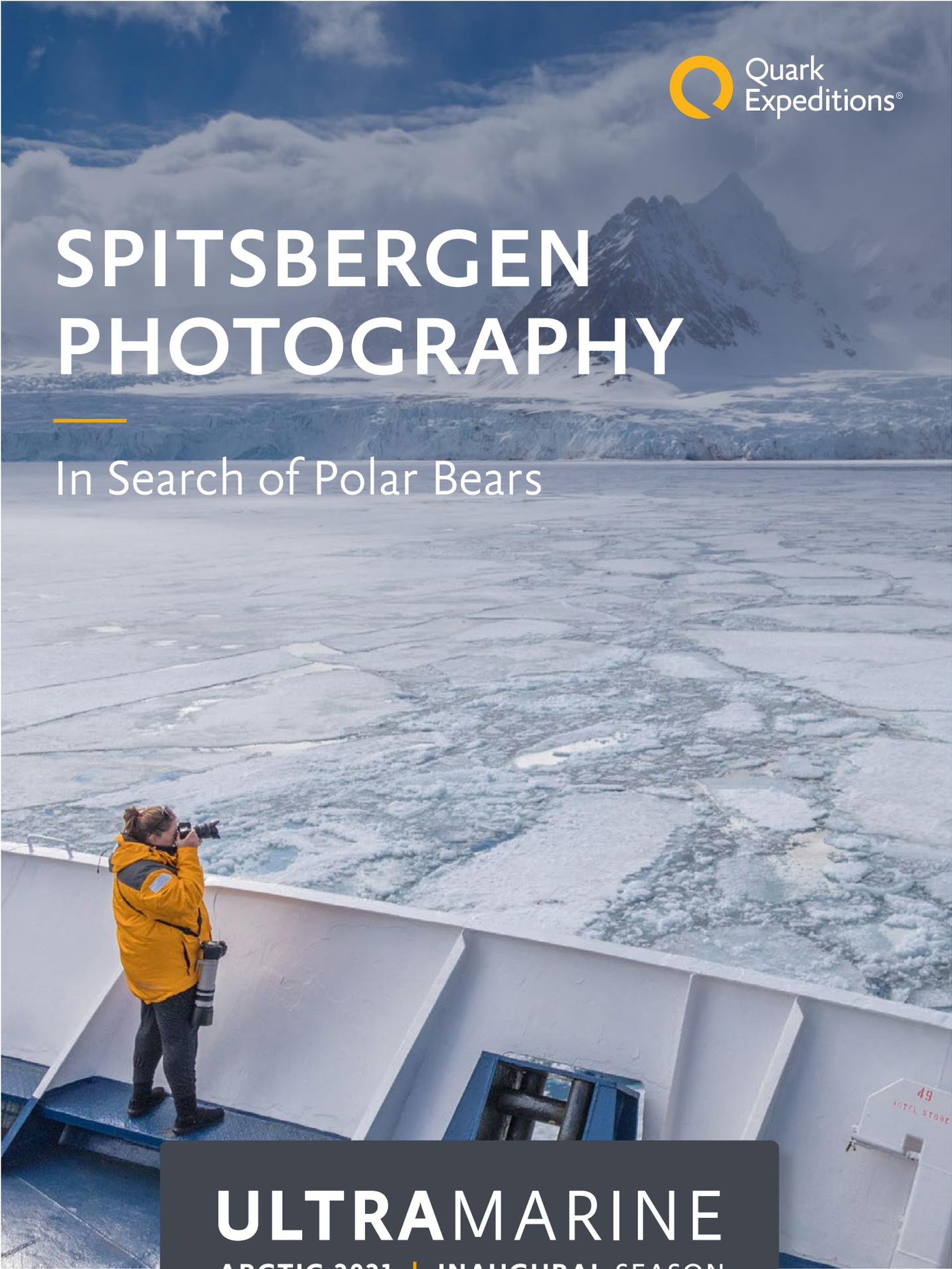


SPITSBERGEN PHOTOGRAPHY

In Search of Polar Bears



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ARCTIC 2021 | INAUGURAL SEASON

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Overview

Spitsbergen Photography: In Search of Polar Bears

This unique 13-day voyage invites guests to embrace a true expeditionary spirit: rather than follow a set itinerary, together we'll allow our search for polar bears and other wildlife to determine our route and shore landings in the pristine Norwegian Arctic. You'll be experiencing this once-in-a-lifetime journey aboard our game-changing new expedition vessel, *Ultramarine*, which is equipped with 20 quick-launching Zodiacs, luxurious onboard amenities and the biggest portfolio of Adventure Options in the polar regions.

Cruising along the coast, ice edge and inner fjords of Spitsbergen, you'll be immersed in the natural wonders of the land of the midnight sun as we pursue our quest to photograph arctic wildlife: the polar bear as it prowls the edges of the pack ice on its perpetual hunt for food; the walrus with its long tusks and distinctive whiskers; cliff-dwelling Arctic birds in the thousands; and small herds of reindeer loping across the colorful tundra. Plus, there will be snow-topped mountains, massive glacier fronts, deep-walled fjords, and vast swaths of untouched tundra waiting to be photographed. Exploring this awe-inspiring region never ceases to impress visitors with its raw beauty.

EXPEDITION IN BRIEF



View iconic arctic wildlife, like polar bears, walrus and arctic fox



Enjoy continuous daylight, perfect for photography buffs



Cruise in a Zodiac for closer views of glaciers, fjords, icebergs and more



Hike the colorful arctic tundra



Learn techniques and tips from onboard photographers



Itinerary

DAY 1 | ARRIVE IN OSLO, NORWAY

Your Arctic voyage begins in Oslo, Norway's vibrant capital city. If you arrive early, there are many museums, restaurants and green spaces to keep you busy before retiring at your included airport hotel.

DAY 2 | FLY TO LONGYEARBYEN, SVALBARD & EMBARK

This morning, the group will transfer to the airport and board our private charter flight to Longyearbyen, Spitsbergen's largest settlement, where you'll have some time to explore before embarkation. As your ship sets sail, enjoy your first view of the island's rugged, glacier-topped mountains rising majestically from icy waters.

DAYS 3 - 13 | EXPLORING SPITSBERGEN

Spitsbergen is graced with an unspoiled beauty that's just waiting to be discovered. On this one-of-a-kind cruise, you'll sail along the west coast of this magical island, exploring the coastal fjords and smaller, outlying islands. Each day will be a surprise, treating you to spectacular new sightings and experiences.

Every expedition is unique, depending on the weather and ice conditions, but we do hope to visit a few of our favorite landing sites, which will be chosen as much for their optimal wildlife-viewing opportunities as for their stunning scenery, historical significance and hiking activities. With no itinerary (unusual amongst polar cruises), our main goal



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will be to sail in a constant search for polar bears on the prowl. This means we may not move the ship every day as we do on regular voyages, especially if we find abundant wildlife in one place. Like true explorers, we'll let the wildlife and pack ice—not a set schedule—guide our route! Our small expedition ship allows us to navigate shallower waters and tighter spaces, so we expect to explore the more hard-to-reach areas frequented by the elusive polar bear.

Presentations by on-board experts will prepare you for the adventures that await, and with continuous daylight during this time of year, photo ops abound. You'll have ample time to linger and photograph any bears we find hunting on the ice edge, but they're not the only wildlife we hope to encounter. The food-rich waters attract walrus, whales and seabirds, so you'll want to keep your binoculars nearby while cruising. Arctic fox and the indigenous Svalbard reindeer may also be spotted on Zodiac excursions to shore.

A haven for present-day explorers, Spitsbergen and the surrounding area offer unforgettable polar experiences that will keep you and your camera active for the duration of the expedition. Although 60 percent of the landscape is covered in glaciers and much of the terrain is mountainous, Spitsbergen (which means "pointed mountains") surprises visitors with stretches of colorful tundra that burst with wildflowers in summer. Optional hiking activities get you up close—though never obtrusively—to the abundant wildlife. At day's end, you'll have plenty of prized photographs and exciting stories to share with your shipmates.

DAY 14 | DISEMBARK IN LONGYEARBYEN & FLY TO OSLO

Your adventure ends in the frontier-style settlement of Longyearbyen. From here, we'll transfer you to the airport for your return group charter flight to Oslo.

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Arrival and Departure Details

As you prepare for your journey, you may be interested in your arrival and departure details. Since international air transportation is not included in the cost of your expedition, you have some flexibility in planning your flights. Looking to extend your adventure beyond your polar expedition? On page 13, learn how to add on a pre- or post-expedition stop—or both!—in Oslo or a nearby region of your choice.

Arrival Day and Embarkation

ARRIVING IN OSLO

You may arrive at any time during Day 1 of your itinerary. Upon your arrival in Oslo, you will make your way to the included group hotel. Check in time is 3pm. Early the following morning, on Day 2, your group will transfer to the airport and board our private charter flight to Longyearbyen. The scheduled flight time will be communicated in your final documents.

LONGYEARBYEN AND EMBARKATION

Upon arrival in Longyearbyen (Day 2 of your itinerary), you will be transferred from the airport to a drop off point to have some free time to explore this historic town. Your luggage will be taken directly to the ship, and later you will be transferred from the designated meeting point to the pier. Details of ship transfer times will be provided during your arrival transfer. Due to port logistics, it is possible that you may need to board the vessel by Zodiac, rather than from the pier.



PLEASE NOTE

There is a strict luggage limit of 50 lbs (23 kg) checked luggage and 18 lbs (8 kg) cabin baggage on the flights between Oslo and Longyearbyen. Should you have additional luggage, it can be stored at the hotel in Oslo. There is NO option to pay for additional luggage.

Final Day and Departure

DISSEMBARKATION IN LONGYEARBYEN AND ONWARD

Your ship is scheduled to arrive back in Longyearbyen between 7am and 8am local time. After breakfast, you will have time to bid farewell to your Expedition Team and shipmates before completing your disembarkation. The process takes about an hour and due to port logistics, may involve one last Zodiac ride to the pier. After disembarkation, there will be a group transfer to your hotel if you have booked additional accommodation. If you have purchased the Oslo hotel and transfer package, after disembarkation you will be transferred to the central downtown shopping area in Longyearbyen for some free time, before transferring to the airport for our return charter flight to Oslo. Your luggage will be transferred directly from the ship to the airport, where you will pick it up for check-in to the charter flight.

DEPARTING FROM OSLO

Upon arrival in Oslo, you may connect directly with your onward flight. Scheduled charter flight times will appear in your final documents, and any additional updates will be communicated on board prior to disembarkation.

Included Hotel Accommodations

Your included accommodation begins on Day 1 of your itinerary, and the specific hotel(s) will be indicated in your final voyage confirmation. If you are arriving prior to Day 1 of your expedition or are staying after the disembarkation day and would like help booking a pre- or post-stay, please contact your Polar Travel Adviser or travel professional for hotel options. As accommodation space is limited, you are encouraged to request any extra nights as early as possible.

Arrival and Departure Transfers

OSLO AIRPORT TRANSFERS

Arrival and departure transfers in Oslo are not included in the expedition. Your first night's included accommodation will be provided at the airport hotel, so please make your way to the lobby for check-in when you arrive. The voyage concludes on arrival at the Oslo airport; if you require a transfer to the city, a Polar Travel Adviser or your travel professional can arrange one for you.

If you are flying home right away, you will most likely be able to board a connecting flight on the same day. Please be sure to allow three hours between our charter arrival and your international departure.





Your Ship: *Ultramarine*

NEW! **ULTRAMARINE**

The newest ship in our fleet, *Ultramarine* is designed to go beyond the familiar in polar exploration, to discover new places, and to immerse you in the best the region has to offer.

Equipped with two twin-engine helicopters, *Ultramarine* offers the most robust portfolio of adventure activities in the industry, and features the category's most spacious suites, breathtaking public spaces, and more outdoor wildlife viewing spaces than other expedition ships its size, complemented by an innovative mix of sustainability features that exceed all industry standards.

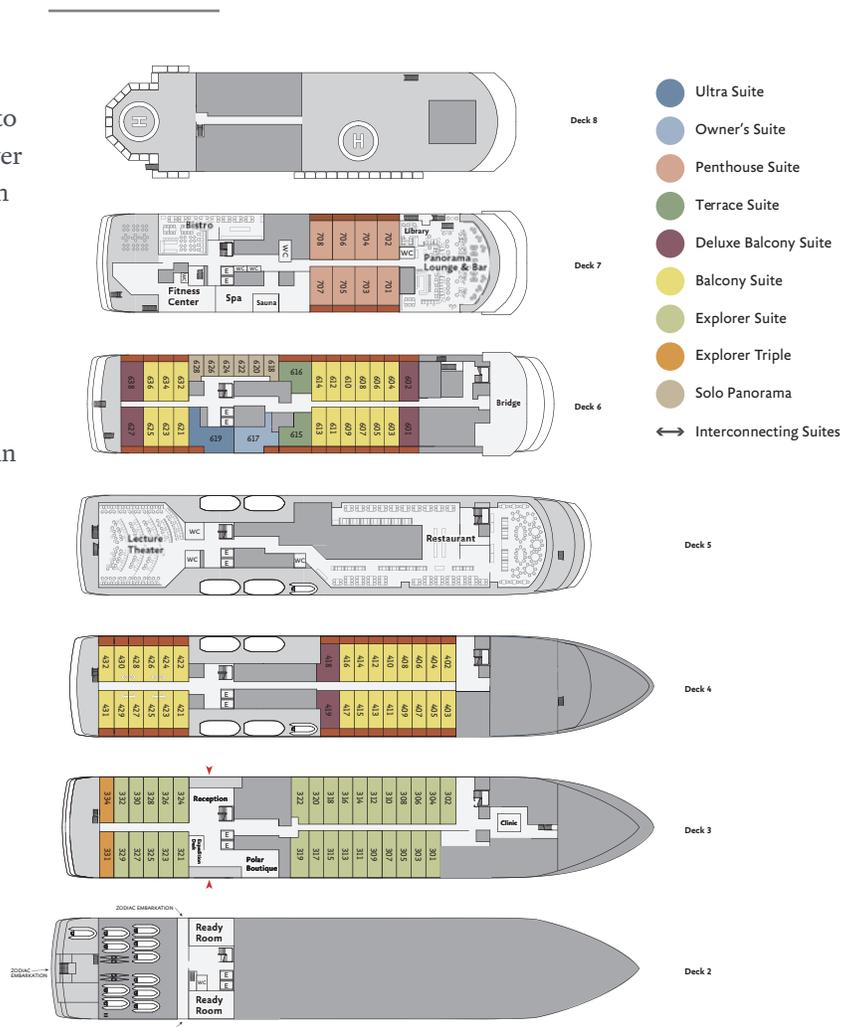
With all this and more, *Ultramarine* is perfectly positioned to deliver the ultimate polar expedition experience.

SHIP SPECIFICATIONS:

- Staff & Crew: 140
- Guests: 199
- Lifeboats: 4, fully enclosed
- Ice Class: PC6

Visit QuarkExpeditions.com to view deck plan details.

All images are artist's renderings.





Deluxe Balcony Suite



Sauna



Suite Bathroom



Fitness Center

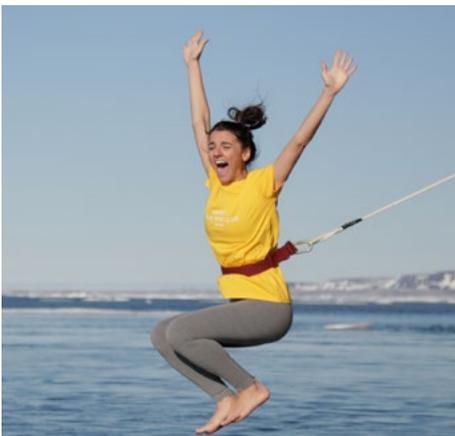


Main Restaurant

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Included Activities



Ready for a little adventure beyond your ship? Each Quark Expeditions® voyage offers a variety of recreational activities to enhance your polar experience.

ZODIAC CRUISING

Zodiacs are the workhorses of polar expeditions, taking you to places the ships can't access, allowing you to reach remote shorelines, explore shallow inlets and search for unique wildlife. Expedition staff make stepping in and out of them safe and comfortable, and your Zodiac drivers will provide active interpretation, making the landscape come even more alive.

HIKING

Led by experienced staff, exploring on foot is the best way to appreciate the polar landscapes. Our guides are able to accommodate a range of skill levels to suit every passenger. Walking poles are provided at each landing for your convenience. As there are a limited number of poles available, please bring your own if you require them on every landing. Some landing sites will offer more demanding options than others.

PRESENTATIONS

Enjoy daily chats with and presentations by our world-class onboard polar experts—guides, scientists, naturalists, historians and other special guests who will introduce you to the fascinating history, biology, ornithology, and glaciology of the region, and much, much more.

POLAR PLUNGE

This rite of passage, scheduled only once per expedition, gives you the chance to jump safely into the bracing Arctic waters under the watchful eye of our staff—and just about every single camera on board!

PHOTOGRAPHY

Documenting your voyage so you can take the memories home is a rewarding experience. Our photography guides will help you hone your skills to capture the beauty of the polar regions.

Contact your Polar Travel Adviser or your Travel Professional for more information about your Included Activities and Adventure Options, including the necessary experience, physical requirements and cost.





Adventure Options



SEA KAYAKING

Imagine gliding across the surface of a bay in the presence of icebergs and glaciers. Our Sea Kayaking program is a great way to intimately explore your surroundings. A small group of kayakers will plan to go out multiple times per voyage as an alternative to shore landings or Zodiac cruises.

The number of opportunities to kayak is weather dependent, and will be conducted only during calm conditions. Prior kayaking experience is required, and you must be able to do a wet exit to participate. Beginners interested in kayaking should consider participating in the Paddling Excursion.

PADDLING EXCURSION

If you're interested in kayaking but would like to try something a bit less demanding than Sea Kayaking, you're the perfect candidate to sign up for a one-time paddle on our stable sit-on-top kayaks—perfect for anyone with minimal or no kayaking experience. Small groups of passengers will be taken out on calm days, with our expert guides always present to provide instruction and help you connect with the polar sea. Two outings will be pre-booked, and once successfully completed, any subsequent outings will be offered via lottery on board.



PLEASE NOTE

For all paid activities pre-booking is required. We recommend booking early as spaces fill quickly. Please see your pre-departure book for a list of provided gear for each Adventure Option.



Dates and Rates

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<i>Dates</i>	<i>Days</i>	<i>Start / End</i>	<i>Solo Panorama</i>	<i>Explorer Triple</i>	<i>Explorer Suite</i>	<i>Balcony Suite</i>	<i>Deluxe Balcony Suite</i>	<i>Terrace Suite</i>	<i>Penthouse Suite</i>	<i>Owner's Suite</i>	<i>Ultra Suite</i>
ARCTIC 2021											
MAY 26 - JUN 8, 2021	14	Oslo	\$15,995	\$11,495	\$14,995	\$16,495	\$19,495	\$20,495	\$21,995	\$26,995	\$29,995

<i>Dates</i>	<i>Days</i>	<i>Start / End</i>	<i>Transfer Package</i>	<i>Adventure Options</i>		
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MAY 26 - JUN 8, 2021	14	Oslo	\$995	\$695	\$195	



Inclusions and Exclusions

Inclusions

RATES INCLUDE:

- Leadership throughout your voyage by our experienced Expedition Leaders, including shore landings and other activities
- All Zodiac transfers and cruising as per the daily program
- All shore landings as per the daily program
- Shipboard accommodation with daily housekeeping
- All meals, snacks, soft drinks and juices on board throughout your voyage (Please inform us of any dietary requirements as far in advance as possible. Unfortunately, the ships' galleys cannot prepare kosher meals.)
- Select beer and wine during dinner; and coffee, tea and cocoa available around the clock

- Formal and informal presentations by our Expedition Team and guest speakers as scheduled
- A photographic journal documenting the expedition
- A pair of waterproof expedition boots on loan for landings and Zodiac cruising excursions
- An official Quark Expeditions® parka to keep
- Hair dryer and bathrobes in every cabin
- All miscellaneous service taxes and port charges throughout the program
- All luggage handling aboard the ship
- Emergency Evacuation insurance for all passengers to a maximum benefit of USD \$500,000 per person
- Transfers between Longyearbyen town center and port on embarkation and disembarkation day

Exclusions

RATES SPECIFICALLY DO NOT INCLUDE:

- Mandatory Transfer Package*
- International airfare
- Arrival and departure transfers in Oslo
- Passport and visa expenses
- Government arrival and departure taxes not mentioned above
- Meals ashore unless otherwise specified
- Baggage, cancellation, interruption and medical travel insurance—strongly recommended
- Excess-baggage fees on international flights
- Mandatory waterproof pants for Zodiac cruising, or any other gear not mentioned
- Laundry, bar and other personal charges unless specified
- Phone and Internet charges
- Voluntary gratuity at the end of the voyage for shipboard staff and crew
- Additional overnight accommodation
- Adventure Options not listed in Included Activities

*MANDATORY TRANSFER PACKAGE INCLUDES:

- One night's pre-expedition hotel night at Oslo airport hotel, with breakfast
- Charter flight from Oslo to Longyearbyen
- Arrival and departure transfers in Longyearbyen
- Charter flight from Longyearbyen to Oslo

PACKAGE PRICE: \$995 USD



Your Expedition Team

Our Expedition Leaders and their teams bring diverse expertise in subjects as varied as polar history, marine biology, glaciology, ornithology and photography. Their knowledge and enthusiasm will greatly enhance your immersion into the polar environment and further deepen your connection to the Arctic.

With over 30 years of experience bringing passengers to remote polar regions and an industry leading staff-to-guest ratio, we know how to safely handle the unexpected. Ensuring this hard-earned experience is passed on, our new expedition staff receive comprehensive training in Quark Academy, which provides hands-on polar expedition training prior to any staff member's first voyage as well as ongoing training for experienced staff.





Extend Your Trip

PRE- AND POST-EXPEDITION TRIP EXTENSIONS

You can extend your trip by booking extra days to explore other northern cities before or after the voyage. Since you're traveling such a long way, you may want to spend extra time in Longyearbyen or add on a few days in Oslo. In the Svalbard capital, learn about the archipelago's storied past at the museum, wander between colorful wooden houses and grab a pint at the local brewery. Immerse yourself in Norwegian history with a visit to Oslo's Viking Ship Museum or the Fram Museum where you can learn about Norway's polar history. Then tour the Royal Palace and take in the sweeping views, and delicious seafood, from a hillside restaurant.

To discover the best options for extending your adventure, get in touch with your Travel Professional or a Polar Travel Adviser for seamless, worry-free booking of all trip extensions.

FROM TOP: Oslo's Opera House; Longyearbyen; Oslo's Viking Ship Museum



Meals on Board

If there is one constant on board, it is that you'll enjoy delicious meals daily. While meal times may change due to landings and wildlife encounters, you'll always be served three well-prepared meals per day. Most dietary restrictions can be accommodated by letting us know prior to your expedition.

Breakfasts and lunches are normally served buffet style, while dinners are served plated. À la carte meals are made at the time of your order, allowing our chefs to prepare each dish to your individual needs, ensuring you receive top-quality meals during the course of your expedition.

Soft drinks and juices are available during meals and when the bar is open; beer and wine are served with dinner; and coffee, tea and water stations are available around the clock - all included in the cost of your package. Spirits, premium wines and champagne are available at extra cost which can be billed to your shipboard account. The well-stocked bars on the ship are open to enjoy with your fellow shipmates in late morning, afternoon and evening.





Possible Excursions

When traveling in extremely remote regions, your Expedition Team must consider the sea, ice and weather to guide the route and itinerary details. The following sites are a sample of what you may experience on your expedition, whether by ship, Zodiac cruise, or shore landing.

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ALKEFJELLET

This cliff is a seabird colony, where Brünnich's guillemots (thick-billed murre) raise their young. An estimated 100,000 breeding pairs reside in the basalt cliffs. The birds do not build nests; rather, they lay eggs on the bare ledge of the cliff.

ISBUKTA

On the eastern shore of the southern tip of Svalbard is Isbukta, which means 'Ice Bay.' Sabine's gulls, skuas and bearded seals inhabit the bay. Polar bears are known to patrol the area as well.

LILLIEHÖÖK GLACIER

In 2005, nearly 100 years after his great-great-grandfather conducted scientific investigations here, Prince Albert II of Monaco returned to Lilliehöök Glacier to further our understanding of the Arctic clam, a species that lives for more than a century. Here, you can take a Zodiac cruise amid labyrinths of sparkling icebergs, and witness breathtaking panoramas of ice. You may even spot bearded seals hauled out on the floes.



LONGYEARBYEN

Twenty-four hundred people inhabit the administrative capital of Svalbard, which is situated on the southern side of Adventfjord. The settlement was founded in 1905 by John Munroe Longyear, the majority owner of the Arctic Coal Company of Boston.

MOFFEN ISLAND

This island is designated as a protected sanctuary for walrus, which are best viewed from the water—have your binoculars ready!

MONACO GLACIER

Prince Albert I of Monaco, a pioneer of oceanography, led an expedition to Svalbard in 1906. His team used sophisticated photographic techniques to understand the shape and position of several glacier fronts. Monaco Glacier honors the expedition, the prince and the

principality over which he reigned. While touring the glacier front by Zodiac cruise, listen to the crackle and pop of the brash ice, search for seals and have a chance to admire a natural sculpture gallery.

NORDAUSTLANDET ISLAND

This is the second-largest island in the entire Svalbard archipelago, and home to the polar desert. Featured here is Bråsvellbreen, an ice cap connected to the larger Austfonna, which together form a 112-mile- (180 km) long ice cliff. Bråsvellbreen's glacier face makes for an impressive sight during a Zodiac cruise, stretching across nearly the entire horizon.

PALANDERBUKTA

On the western coast of Nordaustlandet, this bay stretches south and east from the Wahlenberg Fjord. This is a typical polar desert, where the "ice bear" (polar bear) can sometimes be seen roaming in search of food.

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Packing Checklist

WEATHER CONDITIONS & TEMPERATURES

Polar weather is very variable; temperatures may hover around the freezing mark and winds can be strong. The continuous daylight warms sheltered areas so that you may sometimes find it warm enough for t-shirts. However, you may encounter snow squalls, fog and white-outs during an expedition and should be ready for any conditions.

WHAT TO BRING! Packing for the polar regions doesn't have to be daunting, and to make it easier for you, all Quark voyages include an expedition parka to keep, and a loan of insulated waterproof boots. Additional suggested items include:

FOR SHORE LANDINGS

- Base layers (wool, synthetic or a blend)
- Mid-layer warm/fleece top
- Mid-layer warm/fleece pant
- Wool and synthetic sock (3 to 4 pairs)
- Neck warmer or balaclava
- Warm hat that covers ears
- Waterproof pants (mandatory for every Zodiac ride)
- Waterproof gloves and glove liners
- Sunscreen
- Sunglasses with UV protection
- Spare set of gloves

SUGGESTED ITEMS

- Waterproof, lightweight backpack or dry sack
- Swimsuit (for the Polar Plunge!)
- Binoculars
- Camera with charger and extra batteries
- Extra memory cards
- Earplugs
- Eye masks for sleeping
- Moisturizer and lip balm (polar air can be drying)
- Seasickness, indigestion, headache or other medicines as required
- Voltage converters and plug adapters (220V/European outlets)
- Ski goggles (for Zodiac cruising on snowy or windy days)

FOR ON BOARD

- Comfortable casual clothing (pants/jeans, shirts, sweaters)
- Lighter shirts (in case the ship gets warm)
- Comfortable non-slip closed-toed unheeled shoes (**NOTE:** Flip flops, sandals or slip-on shoes should not be worn on board due to safety concerns)



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